

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 17, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
The Honorable Michael Copps
The Honorable Robert McDowell
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn
The Honorable Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Applications of AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless, WT Docket No. 09-104

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

We are writing to urge you to promptly rule on the purchase by AT&T of wireless systems that Verizon Wireless is required to divest in certain rural areas in connection with its ALLTEL acquisition. The FCC has had over a year to consider this transaction, and there is no basis for further delay.

We understand that AT&T intends to invest approximately \$400 million in connection with this transaction, the majority of that investment in rural areas. This could create jobs and stimulate the economy across rural America, which is crucial in difficult economic times like these.

If approved, this transaction will bring AT&T's service to many new areas. In Wyoming, sixteen counties would be added to AT&T's service area. Consumers in these counties would have access to many of the benefits that AT&T offers, including America's fastest third generation (3G) mobile broadband network with simultaneous voice and data capabilities, rollover minutes, and a wide selection of new smart-phones and devices. Delaying this decision is unfair to consumers in Wyoming who are eager to utilize AT&T's wireless devices and more importantly, AT&T's reliable network.

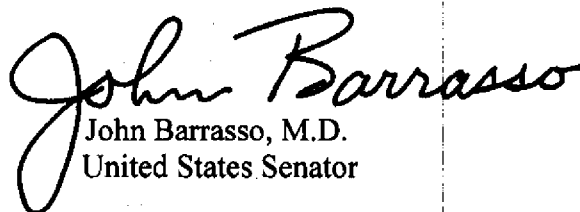
The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division has reviewed and approved the transaction and we understand that the transaction does not pose any threat to competition.

There are numerous important issues at stake with this decision -- investment, job creation, an improved telecommunications infrastructure for rural America, more choices for consumers, and increased competition. We respectfully urge you to take prompt action on this transaction.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Enzi
United States Senator


John Barrasso, M.D.
United States Senator

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August 5, 2010

The Honorable John Barrasso
United State Senate
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso:

Thank you for your letter urging prompt approval of AT&T's acquisition from Verizon Wireless of FCC licenses and authorizations associated with 79 markets. These authorizations are being divested by Verizon Wireless in connection with its acquisition of ALLTEL Corporation. As you note, many of the authorizations at issue in this proceeding concern wireless operations in rural areas.

On June 22, 2010, the Commission adopted a *Memorandum Opinion and Order* approving the transaction with conditions. To ensure that approval of this transaction serves the public interest, the Commission adopted several conditions, including conditions relating to roaming, preservation of service on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and a commitment by AT&T to divest 15 megahertz of spectrum in one Michigan market. The Commission expects that this transaction will benefit consumers, particularly throughout much of rural America, by giving them access to an array of additional service offerings.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

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